THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) and (b) In pursuance of the objectives and functions assigned to Staff Inspection Unit under the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961, it reviews the man-power requirements of Government Departments (excluding the Railways which have their own arrangements) through cyclical programme of inspection drawn up well in advance under its Annual Action Plan.

In addition, it also carries out ad-hoc studies of organisations referred to it by the Ministry of Finance involving proposals for creation of a large number of posts.

No study has been carried out by SIU specifically for assessment of staff due to liberalisation in industrial policy.

Merger of certian attached Offices with Administration Ministries

2729. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration to merge the attached offices like Directorate of Economics and Statistics (Ministry of Agriculture), Directorate of Sugar (Ministry of Food) Directorate of Vegetable Oil and Vanaspati (Ministry of Civil Supplies) to effect economy in the administrative expenditure, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the staff strength in the administrative divisions on the above mentioned offices is according to the norms prescribed by STAFF INSPECTION UNIT; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the amount of savings that will be effected by adopting the SIU norms and by merging them with the administrative ministries, Directorate-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) and (b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government at present.

(c) The staff strength in the Directorate of Vegetable Oil and Vanaspati is according to norms prescribed by S.I.U. The Directorate of Economics & Statistics and Directorate of Sugar have not been studied by the S.I.U during the last three years.

(d) No study by S.I.U. to estimate the savings as a result of merger of attached offices with administrative Ministries has been carried out. However, the S.I.U. studies have identified savings of Rs.11.34 lakhs in the Directorate of Vegetable Oil and Vanaspati as a result of adoption of S.I.U norms without the merger of this Directorate with the Ministry of Civil Supplies.

Income tax assessment of Paradip Port workers

2730. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some workers of a group of contractors (C.H.W. 1001) at Paradip Port are being assessed for payment of Income-tax for exceeding their annual income from their salary earning by Commissioner Income Tax, Orissa, Bhubaneshwar; and

(b) if so, what are the details and reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Some workers belonging to the

pool of workers engaged in clearing, forwarding and handling work at the Paradip port have filed voluntary returns of income tax for the assessment year 1991-92 and have paid tax of Rs. 81,089/- on the basis of the returns.

Income earned by way of wages is chargeable to income-tax under the head 'Salaries' as per the provisions of the Income-tax Act. Income-tax is deductible at source on any income chargeable under the head salaries, at the time of payment at the rates in force.

Prevention of smuggling at Indira Gandhi International Airport

2731. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the measures for prevention of smuggling at the Indira Gandhi International Airport Delhi, involve active participation of officials both from Customs Department as well as from the Delhi Police;

(b) whether there is any co-ordination between these two Departments to screen perioically their officials posted at the said airport to weed out those who may be found to have developed unscrupulous intentions detrimental to prevention of smuggling;

(c) if so, the measures taken and if not, the reasons thereof; and

(d) the rank-wise number of Customs officials attached to the Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi in the order of number of years of their tenure at their present posting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) The Customs Department is the primary agency for preventing smuggling at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi. However, due to their presence at different entry and exist points for performing security and immigration checks, police personnel posted at the Airport have also been able to detect some cases of smuggling.

Coordination is maintained between the department concerned with the activities at the Airport. If any personnel posted at the Airport is found to have developed unscrupulous intentions detrimental to the prevention of smuggling the fact is immediately brought to the notice of the concerned Department for appropriate action.

(d) The rank-wise number of Customs officers attached to the Indira Gandhi International Airport at Delhi alongwith the year of posting is given in the statement attached.

Statement

Rank-Wise number of Customs officers attached to the Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi alongwith the year of posting

Designation	Year of posting				Total
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
Addl. Collector				1	1
Asstt. Collector	1	1	2	4	8
Air Customs Superintendent		5	30	32	67
Air Customs Officers	9	32	84	131	256
Lady Searcher		1			1
Preventive Officer				6	6
Sepoys		2	10	14	26
Driver		5	5		10